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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PORG, LY, EG  
SUBJ: LIBYAN REACTION TO SADAT'S MATRUH SPEECH

1. LOCAL MEDIA AUG 9 RESPONDED WITH SARCASM AND RIDICULE  
TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SDAT'S RECENT SPEECHES IN THE WESTERN  
DESERT. COMMENTARY DESCRIBES SADAT AS BEING AT WAR WITH  
HIMSELF AND A MAN WHO SHOULD BE PITIED BECAUSE OF A "SEVERE  
PSYCHOLOGICAL CRISIS." IN RESPONSE TO SADAT'S STATEMENTS  
CONCERNING BOUNDARY BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA, THE COMMENTARY  
INDICATED THAT LIBYA OPPOSED ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE  
FRONTIER BECAUSE IT ADVOCATED UNITY, NOT REGIONALISM.

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COMMENTARY STATED THAT THE MAP USED BY PLO CHAIRMAN YASIR  
ARAFAT DURING HIS MEDIATION EFFORTS WAS DRAWN BY  
EGYPTIAN MAP SURVEY DEPARTMENT AND THEREFORE SADAT  
SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HIS FORCES WERE OCCUPYING LIBYAN  
TERRITORY. THIS OCCUPATION, THE COMMENTARY CLAIMED,  
OBLIGED LIBYA TO "DESTROY" EGYPTIAN POSITIONS ON JULY 19.  
THE COMMENTARY ASKED HOW COULD SADAT ACCUSE LIBYA OF

AGGRESSION WHEN LIBYA MERELY DEFENDED ITS OWN TERRITORY.

2. THE COMMENTARY CLAIMED THAT THE REAL REASON FOR SADAT'S TRIP TO THE WESTERN DESERT WAS TO SUPPRESS THE "REVOLUTIONARY FIRE" WHICH BEGUN TO RAGE THROUGHOUT EGYPT AGAINST "SADAT'S CORRUPT RULE." IT CLAIMS THAT THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT WAS RECENTLY "JOLTED" BY THE DISCOVERY OF AN EGYPTIAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION CALLED THE QADHAFI-ITE GREEN SHIRTS MOVEMENT. COMMENTARY DESCRIBED SADAT AS UNDERTAKING LIQUIDATION OF THIS GROUP AND OTHER NASSERITE ELEMENTS IN EGYPT.

3. RELATED AUG 9 LOCAL BROADCAST ALSO INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAD ABORTED A "DANGEROUS CLANDESTINE COUP ATTEMPT ORGANIZED BY THE EGYPTIAN NAVY." THE RADIO REPORT ALSO QUOTES AN AUSTRAIN NEWSPAPER DIE PRESSE AS STATING THAT SEVERAL COUP ATTEMPTS ORGANIZED BY MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN RECENTLY DISCOVERED AND ITS ORGANIZERS SECRETLY TRIED.

4. AUG 9 PRESS EDITORIALS AND NEWS REPORTS REFLECT CONTINUED ANTI-US AND ANTI-EGYPTIAN THEMES. HEADLINES OF LIBYA'S TWO LOCAL DAILIES CLAIM "AMERICAN SUPREMACY OVER EGYPTIAN MILITARY" AND "AMERICAN WASHIP VISITS ALEXANDRIA AFTER SADAT'S SURRENDER TO US." TENOR OF PROPAGANDA SUGGESTS LIBYANS HAVE LITTLE INTENTION AT PRESENT OF COOLING PROPAGANDA WAR WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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